

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019. Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Accountability of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2023.

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 120 days after Dec. 17, 2002, see section 402(a) of Pub. L. 107-347, set out as a note under section 3601 of this title.

§ 3605. Program to encourage innovative solutions to enhance electronic Government services and processes

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall establish and promote a Governmentwide program to encourage contractor innovation and excellence in facilitating the development and enhancement of electronic Government services and processes.

(b) ISSUANCE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS SEEKING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS.—Under the program, the Administrator, in consultation with the Council and the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, shall issue announcements seeking unique and innovative solutions to facilitate the development and enhancement of electronic Government services and processes.

(c) MULTIAGENCY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM.—(1) The Administrator, in consultation with the Council and the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, shall convene a multi-agency technical assistance team to assist in screening proposals submitted to the Administrator to provide unique and innovative solutions to facilitate the development and enhancement of electronic Government services and processes. The team shall be composed of employees of the agencies represented on the Council who have expertise in scientific and technical disciplines that would facilitate the assessment of the feasibility of the proposals.

(2) The technical assistance team shall—

(A) assess the feasibility, scientific and technical merits, and estimated cost of each proposal; and

(B) submit each proposal, and the assessment of the proposal, to the Administrator.

(3) The technical assistance team shall not consider or evaluate proposals submitted in response to a solicitation for offers for a pending procurement or for a specific agency requirement.

(4) After receiving proposals and assessments from the technical assistance team, the Administrator shall consider recommending appropriate proposals for funding under the E-Govern-

ment Fund established under section 3604 or, if appropriate, forward the proposal and the assessment of it to the executive agency whose mission most coincides with the subject matter of the proposal.

(Added Pub. L. 107-347, title I, §101(a), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2909.)

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§ 3606. E-Government report

(a) Not later than March 1 of each year, the Director shall submit an E-Government status report to the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives.

(b) The report under subsection (a) shall contain—

(1) a summary of the information reported by agencies under section 202(f)¹ of the E-Government Act of 2002;

(2) the information required to be reported by section 3604(f); and

(3) a description of compliance by the Federal Government with other goals and provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002.

(Added Pub. L. 107-347, title I, §101(a), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2909.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The E-Government Act of 2002, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is Pub. L. 107-347, Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2899. Section 202 of the Act is set out in a note under section 3501 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

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¹ So in original. Probably should be "section 202(g)".

§ 3607. Definitions

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under subsection (b), the definitions under sections 3502 and 3552 apply to this section through section 3616.

(b) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In this section through section 3616:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of General Services.

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives.

(3) AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE; FEDERAL INFORMATION.—The terms “authorization to operate” and “Federal information” have the meaning given those term¹ in Circular A-130 of the Office of Management and Budget entitled “Managing Information as a Strategic Resource”, or any successor document.

(4) CLOUD COMPUTING.—The term “cloud computing” has the meaning given the term in Special Publication 800-145 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, or any successor document.

(5) CLOUD SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term “cloud service provider” means an entity offering cloud computing products or services to agencies.

(6) FEDRAMP.—The term “FedRAMP” means the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program established under section 3608.

(7) FEDRAMP AUTHORIZATION.—The term “FedRAMP authorization” means a certification that a cloud computing product or service has—

(A) completed a FedRAMP authorization process, as determined by the Administrator; or

(B) received a FedRAMP provisional authorization to operate, as determined by the FedRAMP Board.

(8) FEDRAMP AUTHORIZATION PACKAGE.—The term “FedRAMP authorization package” means the essential information that can be used by an agency to determine whether to authorize the operation of an information system or the use of a designated set of common controls for all cloud computing products and services authorized by FedRAMP.

(9) FEDRAMP BOARD.—The term “FedRAMP Board” means the board established under section 3610.

(10) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT SERVICE.—The term “independent assessment service” means a third-party organization accredited by the Administrator to undertake conformity assessments of cloud service providers and the products or services of cloud service providers.

(11) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(Added Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LIX, § 5921(b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3449.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be “terms”.

REPEAL OF SECTION

For repeal of section by section 5921(d)(1) of Pub. L. 117-263, see Effective Date of Repeal note below.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LIX, § 5921(d)(1), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3458, provided that the repeal of this section is effective on the date that is 5 years after Dec. 23, 2022.

CONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LIX, § 5921(e), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3458, provided that: “Nothing in this section [see Short Title of 2022 Amendment note set out under section 101 of this title] or any amendment made by this section shall be construed as altering or impairing the authorities of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget or the Secretary of Homeland Security under subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code.”

§ 3608. Federal risk and authorization management program

There is established within the General Services Administration the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program. The Administrator, subject to section 3614, shall establish a Government-wide program that provides a standardized, reusable approach to security assessment and authorization for cloud computing products and services that process unclassified information used by agencies.

(Added Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LIX, § 5921(b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3450.)

REPEAL OF SECTION

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CONSTRUCTION

For rule of construction regarding section 5921 of Pub. L. 117-263, see section 5921(e) of Pub. L. 117-263, set out as a note under section 3607 of this title.

§ 3609. Roles and responsibilities of the General Services Administration

(a) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Administrator shall—

(1) in consultation with the Secretary, develop, coordinate, and implement a process to support agency review, reuse, and standardization, where appropriate, of security assessments of cloud computing products and serv-